

08/938,173



PATENT

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant:	Alex Brockhoff	Examiner:	KIM, S.
Serial No.:	08/938,173	Group Art Unit:	1306
Filing Date:	September 26, 1997	Docket No.:	1267
Title	Method and Device for Removing Gas From Gas Containing Blood		

Date of Deposit: 9-20-2000

I hereby certify that this paper is being deposited in the United States Postal Service, as first class mail, in an envelope addressed to: Assistant Commissioner for Patents, Washington, DC 20231

Signature: [Signature]

Printed Name: JoAnn Shimota

RESPONSE AFTER FINAL

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, DC 20231

This is responsive to the outstanding Office Action mailed Aug 31, 1999, and identified as paper number 13. Reconsideration and allowance of this application is respectfully solicited in view of the following amendments and remarks.

AMENDMENTS

Please add the following new claims:

7. The device of claim 6, wherein the insert body includes at least one helically extending rib passing around the insert body; and where the rib, the outer wall of the insert body and the inner wall of the blood inlet channel of the housing together [defining] define a helically extending groove space between the insert body and the inner wall of the blood inlet channel which defines the blood inlet channel cavity.

18.(amended)A device for removing gas from gas containing blood, the device comprising: